

Unlimited Medical Costs Proposed

Milliken Presses For No-Fault Insurance

LANSING, Mich. (AP) — Gov. William Milliken today proposed a sweeping system of "no fault" auto insurance that would provide unlimited actual medical and rehabilitation costs.

Milliken's system also would pay 85 per cent of lost wages up to \$1,000 a month for 36 months, and up to \$20 a day to dependents.

To provide prompt payment of claims, insurers would be charged one per cent a month interest on claim payments delayed more than 30 days, the governor said. His proposal would exempt from civil suits:

—Bodily injury losses to the extent covered by "no fault" benefits, and pain and suffering losses up to the amount of "no fault" benefits, or \$5,000 whichever is

greater;

—Property damage to another private passenger vehicle, unless parked or the damage was intentional.

Under Milliken's proposal, "no fault" bodily injury insurance would be required as a condition of registration for private passenger cars, although "a satisfactory self-insurance plan could be accepted." Insurers could offer

deductibles, subject to approval of the Insurance Commissioner.

Required benefits would not include persons who intentionally injured themselves, used a stolen car, or were fleeing arrest. However, survivors of persons killed

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Teen's Long Jungle Trek Ends Happily

Young Girl Only Survivor Of Peruvian Air Crash

LIMA, Peru (AP) — A 17-year-old girl survived an air-liner crash in the Peruvian jungle on Christmas Eve, wandered for days in the tropical rainforest, swam across flooded areas and waded through

swamps, then built a raft that carried her to a woodcutters' camp.

Juliane Koepcke, the daughter of two noted German-born ornithologists, was brought to the jungle colony of Tournavista Tuesday by two woodcutters who found her semiconscious, floating down the Pachitea River aboard the log and vine raft. From there she was flown to a U.S. missionary center at Pucallpa, 500 miles northeast of Lima, and reunited with her father.

Her mother is missing in the crash.

The girl was reported suffering from hunger, exhaustion, cuts and bruises, but she seemed to be in fair shape. She had made many trips in the jungle with her parents, and the couple she lived with while attending high school in Lima told newsmen: "We knew that if anyone could survive it would be Juliane."

So far she is the only survivor of 92 persons who were aboard an Electra turboprop that crashed 12 days ago on a flight from Lima to Pucallpa and Iquitos. Aerial and ground searches redoubled their efforts today, seeking the wreckage, but officials said there was no indication the girl saw any other survivors.

The plane was operated by a Peruvian airline, Lineas Aereas Nacionales, and five U.S. citizens from the missionary center at Pucallpa were among the passengers.

Juliane's father, Dr. Hans Koepcke, and her mother had lived in Peru for more than 20 years and were the leading authorities on Peruvian birds. The girl graduated from high school a few days before Christmas, and she and her mother took the plane Christmas Eve to join Dr. Koepcke at Pucallpa, where the parents have been working on a research project for three years.

Amanda de Pina, a nurse at a medical post in Tournavista, said Juliane had only a partial memory of the crash and her harrowing 10-day trek through the jungle. She remembered looking out the window and

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FAREWELL TO A COMRADE: A member of the Detroit police honor guard bows head and holds back the tears as the coffin of Ptl. William Schmedding Jr., 39, killed on New Year's Day, is brought to its final resting place Tuesday afternoon at Southfield. Officer Schmedding died trying to stop a holdup. (AP Wirephoto)

Schools Closed

Intense Snowstorm Buries New Buffalo

An intense and localized snowstorm left the New Buffalo area in the extreme southwestern part of Berrien county struggling under 12 to 14 inches of snow this morning.

But all other parts of southwestern Michigan reported only light new snow of one to three inches.

The New Buffalo public schools and St. Mary's Catholic school there were closed by the heavy fall that tailed off in a narrow band extending across the Michigan-Indiana state line into a portion of LaPorte county. So localized was the freak storm that Walt Livengood, foreman at the Berrien county road commission garage at Three Oaks, reported only about two inches of snow at Three Oaks.

The Berrien Sheriff's substation at Galien reported about three inches of snow there, while Niles police agencies said the ground was covered in that area.

New Buffalo state police said the snow started falling there Tuesday morning and

continued to swirl down all night and into this morning.

The weather bureau predicted that temperatures would continue to be cold

through today and Thursday, although clearing skies were expected to develop today. Chances of light snow Thursday were put at 30 per cent.



TIRING TOUR: Carmen Doensa, 8, of Fort Wayne, Ind., toured some of Michigan Tuesday in her role as 1972 March of Dimes National Poster Child. Her day included a trip to Lansing to visit with the Governor and a basketball game. This view was made before meeting Jimmy Hoffa Tuesday night at Southfield. (AP Wirephoto)

Civil Liberties Union Joins Lakeshore Flap

Boy Disciplined For Refusing To Stand For Anthem

The American Civil Liberties Union has come to the defense of a Lakeshore high school student disciplined for failing to stand during the playing of the national anthem during a home basketball game Dec. 10.

The discipline imposed by Principal Jon Schuster is banishment from future home basketball games. The student, Peter Graber, 16, son of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel J. Graber, 1547 South Cherry drive, Stevensville, was notified of the action in a letter from Schuster dated Dec. 13.

Schuster's letter brought a reply from Milton J. Marovich, executive secretary of the Kalamazoo Area Branch,

American Civil Liberties Union, contending Schuster acted improperly and students are not required to stand for patriotic purposes. The ACLU said the matter had been "referred to us by several sources."

Schuster served with the Army's Special Forces as a helicopter pilot from 1959 to 1963 and his duties included evacuation of wounded soldiers during hostilities in Korea.

The ACLU's letter is the first public notice that the boy had been banned from basketball games.

Schuster's letter to Graber detailed the student's exclusion from games and stated in part:

"In the event that you ignore this instruction and your presence is not detected at the time of the contest, I shall cause you to be the subject of disciplinary action detrimental to your academic welfare. Further, should you choose to attend any 'away' athletic contest and conduct yourself in a like manner herein described, you can anticipate disciplinary action should said behavior be brought to the attention of the undersigned by the authorities of the host school."

The principal's letter ordered the student not to be on the Lakeshore school premises between 6 p.m.-10 p.m. on the occasion of all future basketball contests. It stated that if

the student was present during these hours and detected by the principal, Graber would be subject to arrest as a disorderly person.

Schuster wrote that in his opinion, Graber's "choosing to remain seated under the aforementioned circumstances could inflame the passions of either adults or your fellow students in attendance, and could cause them to act emotionally to the detriment of your physical well being."

The only school action taken (See Page 17, Sec. one, Col. 6)

against the student, however, is banishment from future home games, and this would be reconsidered, should the student change his manners, stated Superintendent Lionel Stacy Tuesday.

Stacey, when asked about the principal's letter to the student, said the letter may have "gone overboard" in some aspects. The superintendent, however, defended the principal, in view of alleged previous incidents involving



CHOOSSES TO RUN . . . AGAIN: Comedian Pat Paulsen, 44, whose 1968 effort in the New Hampshire primary drew too few votes to be counted in the official records, tells a news conference in Manchester Tuesday that he will run again . . . this time for real. Paulsen then took to the streets to get signatures on a petition he must present by Thursday afternoon in order to get on the ballot. (AP Wirephoto)

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Sexton's Wrecked Car To Be Repaired--Free

DETROIT (AP) — Former prisoner of war Army Sgt. John Sexton will have his badly damaged sports car repaired free.

Sexton, who returned to his Detroit-area home recently after being held prisoner more than two years by the Viet Cong, lost control of his Corvette early New Year's Day morning.

Bob Walton, manager of The Vette Shop in Detroit, met with Sexton Tuesday and offered to donate parts and labor to repair the car.

The car had been given to Sexton when he was recuperating at a Denver, Colo., Army hospital after his release by the Viet Cong last year.

Sexton did not have insurance on the car and

faced an estimated \$5,000 to \$6,000 in repair bills, including damages to two parked cars he hit in the accident.

Walton said the car is "really a mess now. Any insurance company wouldn't have paid to fix it. It needs a new frame, engine mounts, radiator."

"But the only way to get the kid out of a jam is to fix it," he added.

Jail Stay Will Slow Dad Who Really Gets Around

A Benton township father alleged to be \$9,740 behind in child support payments was ordered Tuesday in Berrien circuit court to start a two-year probation to the friend of the court with six months in jail.

Judge Chester J. Byrns ordered the jail stay for

Jewell L. Stevenson, 34, of 1351 Columbus avenue, after finding him in contempt of court for arrearages for five children. Four of the children are on ADC, according to Friend George Westfield and his chief investigator, John Schoenhals.

Stevenson fathered the five children by three different mothers, they reported.

After the jail stay, Stevenson has 60 days to find a job. If he fails, it's back to jail for an additional six months.

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Editorial Page

W. J. Banyon, Editor and Publisher
Bert Lindenfeld, Managing EditorProspect Looming For
A National Sales Tax

Although President Nixon's budget message to Congress this month is expected to project a big deficit for fiscal 1972-73, it is a guess at this time if he will recommend drastic change in the tax structure to bridge the gap.

The tendency for an incumbent in an election year is to let sleeping dogs lie, at least until the polls have closed.

Assuming, however, this tendency establishes itself as a fact and that Nixon is re-elected, it is equally reasonable to feel the Presidential budget message in January, 1973, will come closer to the point.

It will have to if the U.S. is to maintain itself as an international economic power, something which others beyond our shores are bound to cut up ribbons if unbalanced Washington budgets are not soon brought into line.

Two forces are working toward a change which is nothing more than a putted way of saying the American taxpayer soon will have to cough up more.

The federal government has been on a tax cutting course for three years in an effort to leave more spendable income at home so as to stimulate the economy. It is the analogy of bringing a steer in from the range to a feeding lot so he may bring a greater return when converted into steaks, chops, roasts and hamburger.

Inflation has stultified the anticipated results, but at the moment the pressure from within and against Washington is not to reverse the process.

Nonetheless, the tax cuts are a cumulative drain on the budget.

The second force is the pending collapse back home in the state capitals and the town halls, or more accurately, in the little, red schoolhouse, which for generations have depended on local property taxes for most of their sustenance.

Two state courts already have declared the property tax system to be a denial of the 14th Amendment's equal protection clause, and others are expected to fall in step.

Appeals are pending in the first two cases, so it will be some time before a final guideline is available.

These decisions hold that a district with a low tax base has to give a second rate schooling to its children as compared to what a high base district can do.

If the state collected the property tax and parcelled it out per capita to the youngsters' education, these courts would find no fault with the tax.

This idea has been proposed in Michigan by Governors Romney and Milliken, but has been shot down repeatedly because of the parochial outlook in local government. None of the units take kindly to this share the wealth philosophy.

The alternative to this shortsighted stalemate is to run to Washington for help.

Washington, in turn, has two straws to grasp to meet its own bills and those which local government wants to pass along.

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One is to move up the income tax. The other is to borrow the European plan known as the value added tax.

The income tax, as we know it, has encountered strong opposition on the Continent and starting first with France, most European governments long ago resorted to VAT as the next best means to finance themselves.

VAT is a national sales tax.

Every time an article moves along from its raw state to a finished component, going into a sub-assembly and eventually being incorporated into a fully completed item, a sales tax is tacked on at each stage of the progression.

Simple processing might call for only one tax. The more complicated processes could involve several taxes in compounded fashion.

The consumer is the final target of this progression.

The Europeans add one gimmick to VAT.

Their governments remit the tax on goods produced for export. This subsidy is one of several reasons many foreign items find a ready American market and U.S. exporters find it tough to send their wares abroad.

VAT enjoys the advantages of being simple and cheap to enforce, and of yielding a steadier revenue than the income tax which fluctuates as business ebbs and flows.

Like any sales tax it does hit harder at low income groups than others higher up the scale.

The battle lines on VAT as against an income tax boost are so apparent that this scarcely appears to be the time for VAT to be brought out into the open even though the idea is not a completely new one in Washington circles. Some tax economists back in the New Deal's first days advocated expanding Uncle Sam's first and only version of it, the excise tax on cars and trucks (now repealed) to VAT in its purest form.

So many state governments faced by shrinking property tax revenue seized upon the sales tax before the New Dealers could move that Washington dropped it in favor of higher income and inheritance taxes.

The reader may say this comment is no better than what is hatched at Washington and elsewhere in that we, in effect, are saying government must cast about for more wherewithal to meet its budget. How about slashing the expense side of the ledger?

Alas, were it possible to do so.

Bicentennial Art Contest

One of the problems associated with the approaching bicentennial, the 200th anniversary of the nation's birth, is devising appropriate observances or activities in which all 50 states can participate as states of the Union. One trouble is that 37 of them were not even in existence in 1776.

The Franklin Mint near Philadelphia, the world's largest private mint, has come up with something, a major nationwide art competition to create a series of 50 commemorative medals honoring the contributions of each of the 50 states to the heritage of the nation.

The competition will be divided into 50 separate state competitions running concurrently. The contest in each state will be open to both amateur and professional artists, though none many

compete in more than one state contest.

Winners will be selected by a panel of five judges in each state, assisted by a National Advisory Panel of distinguished artists and art experts. Prizes totaling \$10,000 will be awarded in each state, divided into first, second, third and fourth prizes.

The total nationwide prize fund of \$500,000 makes this probably the greatest art competition in history.

The present schedule calls for the competition to close March 31. First-edition proof sets of the 50 winning medals will be available to collectors in the fall of 1972.

Besides stimulating recognition of each state's role in America's 200 years of history and giving artists in each state an opportunity to win cash prizes, as part of the program the Franklin Mint will pay each cosponsoring State Bicentennial Commission a royalty of 10 per cent of the net sales in that state of the series of medals to help finance other state bicentennial projects.

Wandering Indian blacksmiths, who travel in bullock carts and operate roadside forges, are descended from armors who fled the fort of Chitorgarh in February 1568, the night before it fell to conquering Mogul armies. Shamed by their escape, they vowed never again to settle in houses, and the Lohar caste follow this injunction today, the National Geographic Society reports in its book, "Nomads of The World."

Big Bear Country?



GLANCING BACKWARDS

UNVEILS PLAN FOR SEWERS

1 Year Ago

St. Joseph township trustees last night unveiled a \$740,000 master plan to provide sewage collection for the entire township.

The master sewer plan, presented by engineer Charles Barger, envisions development by district. There would be 10 districts, each independent of the other, to allow construction in any sequence as the demand arises.

EXTEND TAX DATE TO FEB. 15

10 Years Ago

Casting a sympathetic eye on the grim aftermath of budget-wrecking holidays, the St. Joseph township board last night voted unanimously to extend its winter tax deadline until Feb. 15.

The decision gives township residents twenty-seven additional days to remit their tax payments without incurring a penalty. The old deadline was Jan. 19.

CHINA RACES AID TO DEFEND SINGAPORE

30 Years Ago

A Chinese expeditionary force, drawn from a reservoir of manpower that has been fighting a give and take war with the Japanese for four and one-half years, may be on its way today to the British Malayan front to help save Singapore.

British sources in London expressed belief veterans of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek's army were being transferred to bolster the Malayan line until Britain and the United States could put reinforcements there.

TAX TIME

40 Years Ago

The St. Joseph city commission last night acted to make tax paying as easy as possible — if such a thing can be accomplished. The deadline for the payment of winter taxes was extended one month from Jan. 10 to Feb. 10, the longest extension ever given to

a tax collection period in this city.

NEW SERVICE

50 Years Ago

Establishment of an advertising service for St. Joseph is service for St. Joseph is announced by M. H. Willis, who has been writing national advertising copy for the Power Farming Press for 15 years.

GRAND EVENT

60 Years Ago

One of the season's most delightful dancing parties was given at St. Joseph auditorium when the ladies of the Benton Harbor Dancing and Card club, the Cosmos club and the Married Folks club entertained the gentlemen in true leap year fashion.

ADDITION

80 Years Ago

James Brooks has platted an addition to the city of St. Joseph consisting of five acres.

EDITOR'S MAILBAG

Editor,
The Herald-Press:

THE MISSING TOUCH

I would like to share this beautiful thought with your readers. The great paradox of our time is that we can bounce messages off the moon and send space probes to Mars and Venus, but we are finding it harder and harder to communicate with the hearts of those we love. How often are human problems caused by the simple failure of people to make contact with others?

How long has it been since you've taken a walk with your arm around your wife? Do you ever get down on the floor and rough house or tussle with the children? Does your family hold hands around the dinner table when you say grace?

These questions are designed to crack the shell of isolation surrounding the troubled person and show him that perhaps the most effective of all channels of communication is the long neglected language of touch.

All living things flourish in the climate of love and sometimes a single touch can produce the required atmosphere. A father ruffles his son's hair lightly and in that casual gesture expresses infinite pride and joy. A husband, helping his wife on with her coat, rests his hands for a moment on her shoulders and says very clearly, "I love you."

Modern man prides himself on restraint and produces well thought out verbal and written communications, and in the process produces isolation.

Medicine's emphasis on sanitation could be responsible and does produce the fear that physical contact is not hygienic. What is the cost of the isolation of new born babies in hospitals guarded by the sterile crib and masked nurse? These babies need to be in their mother's arms and in

cradles by their beds or even held by clumsy anxious fathers. Babies who have these privileges are likely to be more emotionally stable later on and prevent the development of a clinical isolation that extends on into adolescence.

There are many who need help in the area of communication and closeness, tenderness and touch are the ingredients very often missing. As a remedy for sick souls, "touchingness" is therapy of choice.

If you have to scold or punish a child, it's not enough just to speak reassuringly when the penalty period is over. You should also put your arms around him and literally enfold him with your forgiveness.

A family court judge once said that although hundreds of juvenile offenders and their parents have been brought before him, he never once had seen a parent put a protective arm around a youngster's shoulder.

With small children a degree of touchingness in their school teachers is an absolute necessity. Learning is possible only in an atmosphere of warmth and security.

Withdrawn, badly disturbed youngsters need to be held by gentle and sympathetic adults. They need to be hugged and spoken to softly. They need a signal from the terrifying outer world that says "Don't be afraid, I am here to protect you." Through the medium of living touch contact can be re-established and a change is made.

For thousands of years religion has been aware of the tremendous power that resides in touch, and there is a strong association of hands in the performance of healing miracles. With hand contact and mental association, the healing process is greatly influ-

enced. Relief from pain can be quite real and reports of progress remarkably consistent. It seems that those in distress need contact with something outside and beyond themselves.

There are also many instances of the healing power of touch outside the area of religion and a notable example is the experience of Korwin Rhodes, the concert pianist, who was in Warsaw early in World War II.

As a volunteer nurse in a hospital one night she noticed a soldier whose face was buried in a pillow. In his agony, he was sobbing and moaning into the pillow to avoid distracting others. How could this soldier be helped? She looked at her hands and thought that if she could transmit vibrations of harmony through the piano, why could she not do it directly without an instrument? When she took the boy's head in her hands, he grabbed them with such force she thought his nails would be imbedded in her flesh. She prayed that the harmony would come to alleviate his pain. His sobs quieted quickly. His hands released their grip and he was asleep.

The magic of being in touch. It can express love and ease pain and give mankind its humanity.

DR. PAUL H. TAYLOR,
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St. Joseph.

Cuts Price

DETROIT (AP) — Volkswagen of America has cut the price of the basic Beetle sedan to \$1,999 to reflect the elimination of the federal excise tax and the import surcharge.

The new price leaves the Beetle \$132 less expensive than the Chevrolet Vega, even with the American Motors Gremlin and \$99 more than the basic Ford Pinto.

Bruce Bissot

Young Voters

Won't Take Over



WASHINGTON (NEA) — The anti-establishment young are neither going to take over the country in 1972 nor vanish into the woodwork of the "system." But both notions have had some nurturing.

When voting finally became a reality for 18-20-year-olds, one young militant said to his father:

"Good. Now we'll take control."

Dreams like that are being clutched urgently by some of the young people who in a month or two may be flooding into the Democratic party's precinct caucuses in several states. These events may bulk large in the party's opened-up presidential nominating processes.

Here and there, concentration of effort surely is going to produce results, most likely in the shape of convention delegates for Sen. George McGovern or New York Mayor John Lindsay.

Yet the rewards probably are going to be limited. The reasons are already well recited. Many of the young are not going to vote. A good proportion of those who do are unlikely to go all out for the more strongly liberal candidates. And, it should not be forgotten, there are millions more voters than ever in the middle and upper end of the age spectrum. Adult suburbia is enormous today.

Some among the young like

to tell us that many things, like the Communist world or the "working class," are not monolithic. Well, they aren't either.

Only a third are in college. That heralded 18-20 age bracket includes not only millions of nonstudents but housewives, members of the armed forces, and workers on factory and farm.

The many 1971 samplings of the campus mood suggest, too, that things are just basically quieter these days. Militancy doesn't have the appeal it once did. Listening to student reactions at candidate rallies, I find many kids laughing scornfully at the "far-outs."

None of this, however, means the anticulture young folk are about to do a fast fade. As the more perceptive social analysts have been saying for three or four years, their hostility toward present-day society goes well beyond the Vietnam war.

Nor do their objections end with the charges against the society of corruption and rottenness.

As writer Irving Kristol noted in a recent Fortune magazine piece, for many of the turned-off young today's affluent world is at best a huge bore and at worst some kind of nightmare. They don't see challenge and excitement but only a smothering sameness.

Marianne Means

Esther Peterson

Joins Enemy



WASHINGTON — Esther Peterson is a pioneer in the care and feeding of the consumer.

She was the first official White House Adviser on Consumer Affairs, a post created in 1964 by President Johnson. In those days she spent most of her time warning big business to shape up on the consumer issue.

Now she has joined the enemy, and she is following her own advice. In the process, she is proving that the interests of consumers and of business need not be incompatible. She has been so successful, in fact, that Democratic Presidential frontrunner Edmund Muskie spent three months trying to persuade her to become his chief consumer adviser.

Mrs. Peterson is currently the consumer adviser to Giant Food, Inc., the nation's 19th largest supermarket chain, which has 94 stores in this region. She has wrought a minor retailing revolution on behalf of the consumer. And store sales and profit have gone up as a result.

Mrs. Peterson's innovations have included:

Open-code dating, which means products are clearly marked so that customers can tell how long they have been

on the shelves.

Labeling ground beef by fat content.

Marketing the store's own low-phosphate detergent and a special laundry soap with instructions for machine washer use, for families concerned about pollution.

Selling recycled paper products.

Nutritional labeling, which is so experimental Mrs. Peterson had to ask the Food and Drug Administration for help in setting standards. Three other chains are also experimenting with this type of labeling.

Putting pressure on suppliers to raise the quality of products by refusing to purchase those Mrs. Peterson feels use misleading advertising or packaging. (One big drug product was recently banned from the shelves for just such a reason.)

Eliminating trading stamps and passing the savings on to the consumer.

Pricing by unit, so that customers can compare the relative cost of products of different sizes and weight.

Introducing store safety practices, such as removing caustic substances from lower shelves where they could be reached by children.

BERRY'S WORLD



"PLEASE, Mildred—we DON'T call this 'a bunch of the girls getting together for coffee and to rake men over the coals.' It's a 'consciousness-raising group meeting!'"

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ST. JOSEPH, MICH. WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 5, 1972

County Plans Housing Code Study



EAU CLAIRE GROUND-BREAKING: Eau Claire school board member Sheldon Rosenberg mans the shovel at yesterday's groundbreaking for the new \$1.8 million Eau Claire high school to be built just west of Eau Claire. Designed by Daverman Associates and being built by Geim and Whitaker,

the building will house 9th through 12th grades, freeing the present building for use as a middle school. Helping yesterday were board secretary Mrs. Riva Murphy, Supt. Donald McAlvey, and student body president Shari Taylor. (Staff photo)

Standards Would Be Set For Owners, Tenants

By BRANDON BROWN
Staff Writer

Berrien county commissioners likely will be asked Jan. 17 to okay a housing study whose major product would be a model housing code available for adoption countywide.

The eventual code would be designed to prevent the existing housing supply from deteriorating to substandard levels, according to County Planning Director Thomas Sinn. The intended code, he said, would set standards both for owners and, in the case of rental property, for tenants too.

Sinn said the study has no set budget but would use about \$9,500 in salaries and services paid by the federal govern-

ment to "upgrade the housing supply or stock in the county."

It would employ the services of David R. Hollomon, 30, of 2821 Niles road, St. Joseph, hired recently with approval of commissioners as county housing specialist with an \$8,500-a-year salary paid by federal emergency employment act funds.

Approximately another \$1,000, also paid by the federal government through planning funds, would be required for printing, typing, etc., Sinn said. There's no time limit on the study but a code may be ready in six months, he added.

"We want to try to maintain the housing stock we've got now, upgrade the stock that's slipped quite a bit and nip this problem in the bud" before it

spreads, Sinn said. All communities in Berrien have poor housing to some degree, he added.

Hollomon, a north Berrien county native and 1971 graduate of Western Michigan university, already has conducted an informal poll of 28 of the county's 39 cities, townships and villages and has found that five have housing codes and most would like to hear more about them.

Unlike building codes, which prescribe building materials like wiring and plumbing, housing codes establish minimum requirements for the maintenance and occupancy of dwellings and provide adequate enforcement to prevent the increase of substandard housing.

Housing codes can define the responsibility of owners and occupants, the property on which dwellings are located, and prohibit weeds, rodents, insects and require good repair for buildings and out-buildings, Sinn noted.

The county planning department and Hollomon likely will work with a technical committee made up of those involved in housing — as builders, inspectors, real estate personnel, etc. — prob-



DAVID R. HOLLOMON
Housing Specialist

ably with final approval of the code resting with county commissioners.

There's no plan at present to enact it as a county regulation, Sinn added. Instead, it would be left as a model for local communities to adopt, with assistance from the county.

Lawyer Named To Rights Panel

LANSING, Mich. (AP) — Gov. William Milliken has appointed Averil Cohn, a Detroit attorney, to the Michigan Civil Rights Commission.

Another Record Year Seen For Deeds Office

The year just past was a banner one for the Berrien register of deeds office, according to its chief, Mrs. Judith Litke.

The office handled a record 52,010 deeds, contracts and other legal papers, took in a record \$200,816.89 in fees, and returned a record \$109,621.75 to the county general fund after salaries and expenses.

Last year was a record one for property transactions, real estate brokers and others told Mrs. Litke, because of lower home mortgage interest rates and stable interest for both new and old homes.

Late in 1971, for example, interest on conventional home loans was 7.83 per cent versus 8.51 per cent average for 1970, Mrs. Litke reported.

And the boom apparently isn't over.

Home building should continue because money is available — savings are setting new records — and interest rates are expected to remain constant or perhaps drop slightly, Mrs. Litke said.

"Government programs make it easier for middle-income families to buy homes," she added. "This is an election year and government policy will spur more

homebuilding."

Nineteen seventy-one stacks up against the previous record year of 1969, thus:

Fees, \$200,816.89 (\$138,680.75 in 1969); instruments handled, 52,010 (47,170 in 1969); turned over to general fund after expenses, \$109,621.75 (\$85,480.75 in 1969).

Her office handled the increased work without extra-

hire employees, Mrs. Litke said.



MRS. JUDITH LITKE
Register of Deeds

Playing 'Hooky' Costly To Parents

CASSOPOLIS — Two Dowagiac youngsters accused by the school officials of playing "hooky" or skipping classes repeatedly since the school year began cost their parents \$54 each in fine and costs yesterday in Fourth District court here.

The parents were found guilty of a charge of failing to have the junior high school students in school as required by law.

A school official said the case was one where the parents apparently were sending the children to school but that the youngsters were not attending.

The defendants were Mrs. Betty Cheney of 609 Orchard street and Mrs. Lily Lee of 106 Thickstun street. Each was charged with failure to send a son to classes. State law requires a child to be in school until at least the age of 16.

Mrs. Cheney and Mrs. Lee were sentenced to pay \$54 in fine and costs each by Judge Steg Lignell.

Raymond Staples, assistant principal at Central junior high, said the charges were filed through the prosecutor's office after efforts had been made to gain compliance with the law.

He said Mrs. Cheney's son had been absent two or three periods practically every day since school started in September, and Mrs. Lee's son has attended school only three or four full days during the same period.

Staples noted this was the first time the school has been successful in prosecuting one of these cases.

A third such case is pending in court, and five other similar situations may result in legal action, reported Staple.

Van Buren Board Elects William Taft

By STEVE McQUOWN
Paw Paw Bureau
PAW PAW — William Taft of South Haven was elected chairman of the Van Buren



WILLARD RUMSEY
Vice-Chairman

county board of commissioners for 1972 in the board's reorganizational meeting yesterday.

Taft's election by fellow board members was unanimous as was that of vice-chairman Willard Rumsey of Paw Paw.

The 57-year-old South Haven resident succeeds Commissioner Donald Hanson of Decatur who was county board chairman for two years.

Hanson did not seek reelection to the post.

Taft, a former South Haven city councilman for six years, is serving his second two-year term as one of two city representatives on the county board.

The new board chairman has been a resident of the county for 43 years. He is a retired grocer.

Rumsey, 77, succeeds Commissioner Daniel Fox of Decatur.

A life resident of the county, he has served on the county

board for about 30 years and has operated a farm and dairy processing business.

Election of a chairman and vice-chairman came during an abbreviated organizational session required by state law to be held on the first Tuesday of the new year.

Commissioners are to meet again next Tuesday at the courthouse here in their monthly meeting.

In other action, the commissioners gave the purchasing committee power to take bids on and purchase two van-type vehicles for the sheriff's department and appointed a committee to prepare suggestions for the board for 1972. On the committee are commissioners Donald Goodwillie Sr., Charles Sage, Frank Kolosar, Willard Rumsey and Fred Zook.

Incumbents Unopposed

GALIEN — Incumbent candidates will run unopposed for Galien village offices in the village election March 13.

Candidates filing petitions for re-election include Robert James (D), president; Linda



WILLIAM TAFT
Board Chairman

ed committee memberships for the board for 1972. On the committee are commissioners Donald Goodwillie Sr., Charles Sage, Frank Kolosar, Willard Rumsey and Fred Zook.

Doyle (D), clerk; Violet Swem (R), treasurer; Encell Swem (R), assessor; Rex Hinman (R), Richard Renbarger (D) and Harold Sheeley (D), councilmen. The deadline for filing was 4 p.m. yesterday.

His Job: Finding People To Fill Jobs

By STEVE McQUOWN
Paw Paw Bureau
PAW PAW — A Lawton man who has been appointed as Van Buren coordinator for the federal emergency em-

First Baby Of Year At South Haven

SOUTH HAVEN — The first baby at South Haven Community hospital in the new year was born to a Lacota couple yesterday.

Tina Michelle was the first child born to Mr. and Mrs. William Chumley. She was born at 8:07 p.m. and weighed 7 pounds, 6 1/2 ounces.

ployment program, said Tuesday his main job will be in helping local government officials in filling job openings.

Roger Hoxie, 23, began his duties as the county coordinator for the federal program Monday. His annual salary is \$7,000.

Hoxie said he hopes to be meeting with township, village and city officials individually in an effort to determine why only 19 persons have been hired to fill the 71 jobs that were created by about \$450,000 in federal grants from the U.S. Department of Labor.

There have been about 175 applications for the positions, Hoxie said.

He confirmed that the county has been told that if it cannot make use of the money and job openings, the unused federal funds may be lost to

the county.

By talking with local government officials, he said, he hopes to aid them in preparing the paperwork that will make jobs available to applicants.

"I think it's just a lack of communication on how and when to fill out the several forms required," Hoxie said.

Hoxie said that besides helping local officials with the paperwork, he also hopes to make more unemployed persons aware of the job openings.

The federally-funded program formally began in late October, and is aimed at providing employment for unemployed Vietnam veterans, the unemployed and underemployed.

Hoxie was born Aug. 16, 1948, in Carson City, Mich., and graduated from Paw Paw



ROGER HOXIE
Van Buren Coordinator

high school in 1966. He served in the army for three years, one year of which he spent in Vietnam.

He also graduated from a 15-month course in computer programming.

Hoxie and his wife Donna live in Lawton.

His father, Cpl. Allan Hoxie, is a state police officer who was stationed at the Paw Paw post from 1960-66.

Tri-County Area Awarded 'New Horizons' Program

By ALAN AREND
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"New Horizons", a three-year program designed to develop future community leadership through special study and travel experiences, has been awarded to Berrien, Van Buren and Allegan counties.

The program, sponsored by the Michigan State University Cooperative Extension Service, is designed to aid communities in developing competent leadership and to help shape the future of Michigan's communities, according to Clare M. Musgrave, director of the Berrien County Extension Service.

"A mix of agricultural and non-agricultural businessmen, local government officials, educators, housewives, professionals, employees and others interested in developing the potentials of their communities will be sought,"

Musgrave said. Each county can select 12 participants and those applying should be approximately 25-35 years of age. Various organizations can nominate individuals or persons can apply on their own, according to Musgrave.

The objectives of the program are to build a better understanding of man, his environment, and his personal and group aspirations; to build understanding of the social, economic, and political systems in which man functions; and to use this understanding in analyzing local, state, and national issues requiring public debate and decision.

Persons selected for the program will receive approximately 150 hours of classroom instruction over the next three-year period. Michigan State University will provide the instructors. In addition, there will be special

traveling seminars to study state government and optional trips throughout the state and to the nation's capital.

Participants will be awarded three-year fellowships which will defray much of the costs. However, each participant or his sponsor will be asked to contribute \$75 per year and it is hoped that local scholarships can be obtained to help defray this individual expense, according to Musgrave.

Applications for the program can be obtained by contacting the Cooperative Extension Service office in any of the three counties. Selection of participants will be made by an advisory committee in each county and completed in early February. Classes are slated to begin March 1 and will be held at the Red Carpet Inn in South Haven.

Staff members from the extension service in each

county are available to speak to groups and organizations about the "New Horizons" program, in order to gain their support in seeking nominations for potential participants.

"The program which started two years ago in various northern counties of the state will eventually cover the entire state," Musgrave said, "and is a result of the Kellogg Young Farmer Study program no longer being in existence."

The Kellogg program dealt strictly with young farmers, but "New Horizons" has been designed to give individuals from all aspects of a community a chance to participate.

Persons wishing to obtain additional information about the new program should contact the Cooperative Extension Service office in St. Joseph, Paw Paw or Allegan.